

Governor's Office on Tribal Relations
 Kristine FireThunder, Director | Janice A. Garza, VISTA Member
 Email: gotrinfo@az.gov | Phone: 602.542.4426 | Fax: 602.542.4428

STATE-TRIBAL LIAISONS

REV 08.13.2018

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE			
Department of Administration			
Michael Beller	Asst. Director, General Services Division	Michael.beller@azdoa.gov	P: 602.542.1363
Archives and Public Records Library			
Mary Villegas	Tribal Library Consultant	mvillegas@lib.az.us	P: 602.926.3600
Commerce Authority			
Keith Watkins	Sr. VP, Economic/Rural Development	keithw@AZcommerce.com	P: 602.845.1278
Department of Financial Institutions			
Stephen Briggs	Tribal Liaison	sbriggs@azdfi.gov	P: 602.771.2778
First Things First			
Candida L. Hunter	Senior Director of Tribal Affairs	cahunter@azftf.gov	P: 602.771.5034
Department of Gaming			
Caroline Oppleman	Public Information Officer	coppleman@azgaming.gov	P: 602.255.3814
Department of Housing			
Karia Lee Basta	Special Need Program Administrator	karia.basta@azhousing.gov	P: 602.771.1085
Department of Insurance			
Catherine O'Neil	Consumer Affairs Legal Officer	coneil@azinsurance.gov	P: 602.364.2485
Arizona State Lottery			
Sherri Zendri	Legislative Liaison & Tribal Liaison	Szendri@azlottery.gov	P: 480.921.4401
Department of Real Estate			
Dan Gardner	Constituent Services Manager	Dgardner@azre.gov	P: 602.771.7784
Residential Utility Consumer Office			
Jordy Fuentes	Tribal Liaison	jfuentes@azruco.gov	
Department of Revenue			
Grant Nulle	Deputy Director	gnulle@azdor.gov	P: 602.716.6891
Office of Tourism			
Dawn Melvin	Tribal Tourism Relations Manager	dmelvin@tourism.az.gov	P: 602.364.3707
Department of Transportation			
Ermalinda Gene	Tribal Planner/Tribal Liaison	Egene@azdot.gov	P: 602.712.6736
Rosalinda Frederico	Tribal Planner/Tribal Liaison	Rfederico@azdot.gov	P: 602.712.4095
NATURAL RESOURCES			
Department of Agriculture			
Sharma Torrens	Legislative/Research Policy Admin	storrens@azda.gov	P: 602.542.3191
Department of Environmental Quality			
Len Drago	Ombudsman and Tribal Liaison	lcd@azdeq.gov	P: 602.771.2288
Ian Bingham	Ombudsman and Tribal Liaison	idb@azdeq.gov	P: 602.771.4322
Arizona State Forestry			
Terry Hudson	Fuels Manager	terryhudson@azsf.gov	P: 602.525.9438
Game and Fish Department			
Jon Cooley	Region 1 Supervisor	jcooley@azgfd.gov	P: 928.242.3749
Arizona Geological Survey			
Brian Gootee	Research Geologist, Tribal Liaison	bgootee@email.arizona.edu	P: 480.394.0848
Land Department			
April Sewequaptewa-Tutt	Archaeologist	asewequaptewa-tutt@azland.gov	P: 602.542.2126
Land Department			
Simone Westbrook-Hall	Acting Director	shall@azland.gov	P: 602.542.2654
Arizona State Parks			
Dawn Collins	Tribal Liaison	dcollins@azstateparks.gov	P: 602.542.7128
Arizona State Parks (Historic Preservation Ofc)			
Kathryn Leonard	State Historic Preservation Officer	kleonard@azstateparks.gov	P: 602.542.7135
Department of Water Resources			
Clint Chandler	Assistant Director and Tribal Liaison	cchandler@azwater.gov	P: 602.771.8659

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES			
AHCCCS			
Bonnie Talakte	Tribal Relations Liaison	bonnie.talakte@azahcccs.gov	P: 602.417.4610
Department of Child Safety			
Ken Poocha	Tribal Liaison	Kenneth.Poocha@azdcs.gov	P: 928.759.1916
Department of Economic Security			
Shawn Sellers	Tribal Relations Liaison	shawnsellers@azdes.gov	P: 602.542.1290
Governor's Office of Youth, Faith and Family			
Tonya Hamilton	Deputy Director	thamilton@az.gov	P: 602.542.1760
Department of Health Services			
Michael Allison	Native American Liaison	michael.allison@azdhs.gov	P: 602.364.1041
Department of Veterans' Services			
John Scott	Tribal Liaison	joscott@azdvs.gov	P: 602.234.8416
PUBLIC SAFETY			
AZ Division of Emergency Management			
Joseph Urrea	Tribal Liaison	joseph.urrea@azdema.gov	P: 602.464.6516
ADHS - Emergency Preparedness			
Luke Johnson	Tribal Preparedness Coordinator	lukejohnson@fortmojave.com	P: 760.326.9650
ADHS - Emergency Preparedness			
Teresa Ehnert	Bureau Chief	teresa.ehnert@azdhs.gov	P: 602.725.2881
Department of Corrections			
Tasha Riley	ADC Liaison, SGT	triley@azcorrections.gov	P: 928.289.9551x5604
Kenneth Herman	Senior Chaplain	kherman@azcorrections.gov	P: 602.542.3090
Governor's Office of Highway Safety			
Jodi Special	Tribal Liaison	jspecial@azgohs.gov	P: 602.255.3201
Department of Homeland Security			
Cheryl Bowen Kennedy	Interim, Assistant Director, Community Preparedness	cbowen@azdohs.gov	P: 602.542.7077
Industrial Commission of Arizona			
Bob Charles	Legislative Affairs Chief/PIO	bob.charles@azica.gov	P: 602.542.4478
Department of Juvenile Corrections			
James M. Mapp	Legal Systems Bureau Administrator	jmapp@azdjcc.gov	P: 602.364.3508
Dept. of Liquor Licenses and Control			
Michael Rosenberger	Deputy Director	michael.rosenberger@azliquor.gov	P: 602.542.9076
Department of Public Safety			
Marcy Cox	Central Region	mcox@azdps.gov	P: 602.223.5071
Walter Mercer	Southern Region	wmercerc@azdps.gov	P: 520.746.4524
John Philpot	Northern Region	jphilpot@azdps.gov	P: 928.773.3612
Registrar of Contractors			
Jim Knupp	Chief of Operations/Communications	jim.knupp@roc.az.gov	P: 602.771.6710
School Board Facilities			
Debora Norris		Dnorris@azsfb.gov	P: 602.542.6139